What is claimed is:

1. A hair conditioning composition comprising by weight:

(a) from about 0.001% to about 5% of a cellulose polymer having a molecular weight of from about 10,000 to about 10,000,000;

(b) from about 0.01% to about 10% of a cationic surfactant;

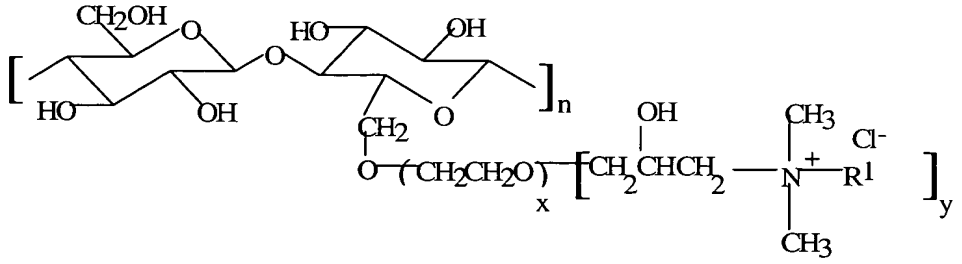
(c) from about 0.01% to about 15% of a high melting point fatty compound having a melting point of 25°C or higher; and

(d) an aqueous carrier.

2. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cellulose polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) a hydrophobically modified cellulose ether comprising a hydrophilic cellulose backbone and a hydrophobic substitution group; the hydrophilic cellulose backbone being water soluble and selected from the group consisting of methyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl ethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxybutyl cellulose, and mixtures thereof; and having grafted thereto the hydrophobic substitution group to render the hydrophobically modified cellulose ether to have less than 1% water solubility, the hydrophobic substitution group selected from a straight or branched chain alkyl group of from about 10 to about 22 carbons; wherein the ratio of the hydrophilic groups in the hydrophilic cellulose backbone to the hydrophobic substitution group being from about 2:1 to about 1000:1;

(ii) a hydrophobically modified cationic cellulose having the following formula:



wherein R^1 is an alkyl having from about 8 to about 22 carbons, n is an integer from 1 to about 35,000; x is 0 or an integer from 1 to about 6; y is the level of cationic substitution from 0.1 to 1.0; and having a molecular weight of from about 50,000 to about 10,000,000;

(iii) a copolymer of hydrophilic-cellulose units and diallyldimethyl ammonium chloride units wherein the ratio of the number of hydrophilic-cellulose units to the diallyldimethyl ammonium chloride units is from about 1:100 to about 10:1, and wherein the molecular weight of the copolymer is from about 10,000 to about 250,000;

(iv) Polyquaternium-10;

(v) a guar derivative; and

(vi) mixtures thereof.

3. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cationic surfactant comprises:

an amidoamine having the following general formula:

$R^1\,CONH\,(CH_2)_m\,N\,(R^2)_2$

wherein R^1 is a residue of C_{11} to C_{24} fatty acids, R^2 is a C_1 to C_4 alkyl, and m is an integer from 1 to 4; and

an acid selected from the group consisting of L-glutamic acid, lactic acid, hydrochloric acid, malic acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, fumaric acid, L-glutamic acid hydrochloride, tartaric acid, citric acid, and mixtures thereof.

4. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 3, wherein the conditioning agent further comprises a dialkyl dimethyl ammonium salt.

5. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 4 further comprising from about 0.001% to about 2% by weight of an aesthetic material.

6. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 further comprising from about 0.01% to about 10% of a silicone compound.

7. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 6, wherein the silicone compound comprises a hydrophilic silicone.

8. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 further comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of a polypropylene glycol.

9. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 further comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of a vinylpyrrolidone polymer.